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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**HONORING DEBRA MCMULLEN FOR HER MANY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AS AN
ATHLETE, TEACHER AND COACH**

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, Kennedy, and Solomon

Date Introduced: March 07, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Debra McMullen is a 1983 graduate of East Greenwich High School. She
2 excelled at numerous sports and won many honors for her achievements. In field hockey she set a
3 record for goals scored and was named First Team All Division and Second Team All State. In
4 basketball she was named First Team All Division in 1983, and in Softball she was named
5 Second Team All State and First Team All Division in 1983. Debra was also named the Crimson
6 Yearbook's Athlete of the Year, the first female to receive this honor; and

7 WHEREAS, Debra McMullen earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Fitness from
8 Springfield College and later attained a Master's of Education degree in Physical Education &
9 Health in 1997 from Springfield College. Since 1991, she has served as a Health & Physical
10 Education teacher at Cole Middle School. She served as the Athletic Director at East Greenwich
11 High School from 2002 to 2005, and also served as the Athletic Coordinator & Student
12 Coordinator at Cole Middle School; and

13 WHEREAS, Debra is one of the most successful coaches in Rhode Island High School
14 sports. As a Head Coach in the sport of Field Hockey, her teams have won five State Titles and
15 eight Division Titles. As a basketball coach, her teams were Division Finalists twice and Quarter
16 Finalists once; and

17 WHEREAS, Debra McMullen has received numerous awards in honor of her coaching
18 excellence. She was named the 2011 Rhode Island Interscholastic League Coach of the Year. She
19 was also named the Coach of the Year by Southern Rhode Island Newspapers in 2009 and 2011,

1 was named the Rhode Island Athletic Administrators Association Coach of the Year in 1995, the
2 Rhode Island Field Hockey Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1994, and, with her team,
3 won the Providence Journal Winter Sportsmanship Award in 1995. Debra was elected to the East
4 Greenwich Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995, only the second woman to be so honored, and was a
5 Wall of Honor Inductee in 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2013, Debra McMullen has served as the President of the Rhode
7 Island Field Hockey Coaches Association (RIFHCA), and previously served as their Treasurer
8 from 1994 to 2000. She has also served as the Vice President of the East Greenwich Basketball
9 Association since 2009. Thanks to her guidance and superb coaching, Debra has helped athletes
10 get admitted into schools such as Old Dominion, Wake Forest, Providence College, Holy Cross,
11 Dartmouth College, Boston College, and many other leading universities; and

12 WHEREAS, Debra married Sean McMullen in 1996 and together they have four
13 children, Kaley, Courtney, Abbey and Jack; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby honors Debra McMullen for her many years of excellence as an
16 athlete, teacher and Coach and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Debra McMullen.

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